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## Campy Seafood Short Films to be Shown

New Bedford, Mass. — The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM with three short seafood industry promotional films: *Sardines From Maine Down East Style*, *Live Lobster: Maine Lobstermen* and *Pearl of the Atlantic*. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

These historic gems dating from the 1950s and 60s offer a wonderful glimpse into what for many was the heyday of New England's seafood industry. Take a trip back in time to the days when scallops were routinely served in school cafeterias, lobstermen fished out of wooden boats and Maine was home to hundreds of sardine canneries. A variety of recipes are presented and Julia Child even makes a cameo appearance.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The free festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend in September, this year on September 29 and 30. <a href="https://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org">www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org</a>.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-3 PM. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov, or visit the park's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP

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